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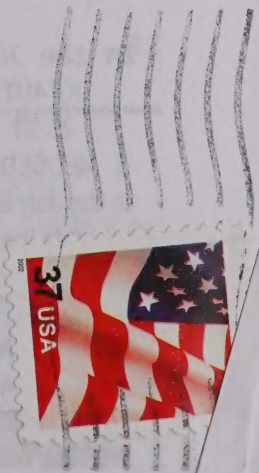
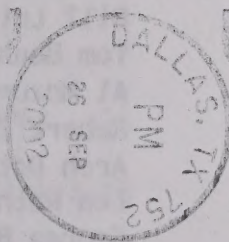
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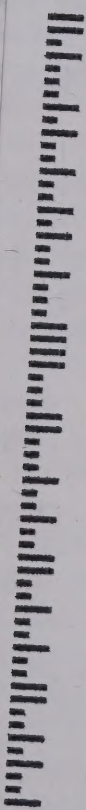


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CORRECTION

In the July issue, the sponsor for new member Tom Bennett III KF4UTH #4077 should have been listed as JIM HULL, W3JI.

21ST CENTURY CLUB SILENT KEYS (LIVING LIST ON PAGE 7)

I MESSED UP THE LISTING IN THE JULY ISSUE OF SPARK GAP TIMES.

In the July issue of Spark Gap Times I had 46 "living" members listed as SKs. These were attached to the end of the 42 "real" silent keys. The list of 21st century Silent Keys printed below is correct. There have been additional SKs since the July issue. (Editor Bert Wells, W5JNK)

THERE ARE NOW 45 OOTC CENTURY CLUB MEMBERS SK

W1CJJK, DL1ES, W1PB, W2AMS, N2DSX, K2EEK, W2EEQ, N2FX, AA2GN, G2WQ, VE3BAZ, WA3IYA, DL3ME, W3MZ, WZ3P, W3UIU, KB4BSO, K4FQJ, K4JMH, K4LMB, KC4RIB, K4UH, W4YQN, K4ZEL, W4ZJV, W5CBS, W5EJ(TedH), W5FOZ, W5RJK, W5UY, W6CRG, W6EFB, W6IL, W6NKE, W6RQQ, W6TRP, W7AMM, K8CSG, W8DGU, W8ROV, W8TWB, W9ACU, W9IH, W0AKL, W0BQ.

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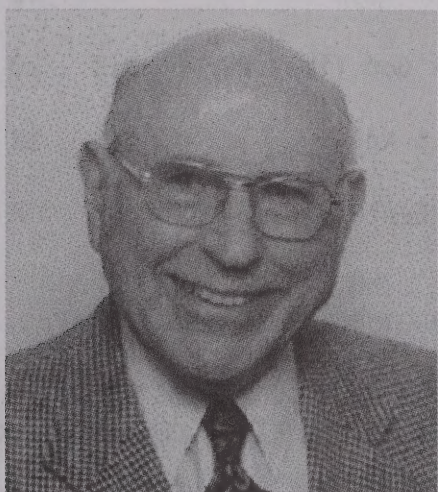
A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT LELAND SMITH, W5KL

Silent keys seem to be increasing and so many of my long time amateur friends are departing this life. Perhaps I am more aware of the Silent Key listings in SGT, QST and the QCWA Journal because I too am getting older. As I scan the SK lists I invariably note that there are some of my long time friends listed. And as I read the lists, I am reminded of the wonderful and lasting friendships made during my many years as a radio amateur. I feel blessed that I have known and enjoyed amateur radio with so many of these amateurs who are now Silent Keys.

This brings me to the realization that we who have enjoyed our hobby so long should be inviting our friends and radio contacts who are eligible to join OOTC to become one of us. In my radio contacts, if the stations I am working note that they have been licensed for more than 40 years, I tell them about OOTC and offer to send them an application. If they tell me they have an e-mail address I e-mail invitation to view our OOTC website. <http://www.ootc.us>

I hope that those of you who are active and on the air will do the same. Some of you undoubtedly have personal friends who are eligible to join OOTC. Membership in OOTC is about the least expensive of any amateur radio group. Why not invite your eligible friends and radio contacts to join?

Unless we enroll more new members in OOTC we may in time become a last man's club. I hope that never happens to OOTC!



Leland Smith
PRESIDENT W5KL

In Memoriam Dr. Gerhard Jacoby, DL3ME
HONORARY DIRECTOR OF OOTC

On April 8th, 2002 our friend Gerhard Jacoby, DL3ME, passed away at the age of 91 just four months after his beloved wife Ulli. Already during his schooldays in 1927 Gerhard had contact to radio technology and operated a self-constructed but illegal broadcasting transmitter in Berlin.

The good programme of music and classic radio plays was praised by the press. In the same year he became involved in amateur radio due to a fortunate circumstance and received his first radio amateur call sign EK4AT, later D4AT. During the same year he was lucky enough to go to the USA on a school exchange for six months. We assume that he already made contacts with American radio amateurs during that time.

He studied law at the University of Freiburg, Germany and at the Sarbonne, Paris and did his doctorate at the University of Rostock, Germany. He was employed for several years at Siemens & Halske as a legal adviser. In 1939 he was conscripted to the army and worked as a radio operator and instructor, especially at the encoder. After the war in 1946 he married his wife Ulli and had two sons and one daughter.

Due to his legal and particularly his linguistic proficiency he worked for the High Commission in Frankfurt for several years. Later he was executive manager of an accounting company in Munich. There he had excellent contacts to the German film industry and often went on business trips to the USA, Africa and several countries in Europe, where he made contacts to many hams.

In 1951 he received his permanent call sign DL3ME and was very active with it. In 1971 he joined the QCWA and held the position of vice chairman of the German Chapter for many years. In 1980 he was appointed the first non-American Director of the QCWA. Until his death he was Honorary Director of the OOTC.

In Germany he was one of the founders of the German Amateur Radio Museum in Munich. We really miss him. He was a model for many people. We will always remember him fondly.

Guenter Pesch, DJ2XB, Chairman European Chapter

W2JQS - VICE PRESIDENT OOTC
Col Harrison W. Moore, Jr. CCE CAE

Born Bennington, Vt. 9/9/18. Grew up in Danbury, CT and Briarcliff Manor, NY. First licensed W2JQS 1936 in High School (Birch Wathen in NYC). Later held W8VVZ, W4ZYL & W1SXE, then back to W2JQS.

Enlisted in U.S Army, Jan. 1941 as Radio Instructor PFC in 186 Field Artillery Bn Commissioned directly as 2nd Lt. in Electronics Training Group Sig Corps from Fort Ethan Allen, VT to Fort Monmouth, NJ then 4 days after Pearl Harbor sent to England for 3 months training in British Radar School in Petersham, Surrey. Posted to Cardiff, Wales to install twelve 150MM Searchlights with SLC Radar. Returned to U.S. on Queen Mary October 14, 1942. Married Elizabeth E. Crane, Burlington VT. October 23, 1942. Served until end of WW II at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, OH. as Officer in Charge of Ground Radar Supply for entire AAF. Promoted progressively to Major. Released to Signal Corps Reserve.

Served total of 41 years ending as COL Commandant of 2086 ARASU Norfolk USAR School in Va. Graduated and taught and General Staff College plus Industrial College of The Armed Forces. (Completed AB degree from Columbia in NYC in Oct 1946)

Civilian jobs included: Sales Manager Fisher Radio, NYC 2 years, WBSM New Bedford, MA 4 years, WTAR AM & FM 6 years, Owner/Manager WRVC FM, Tidewaters Classical Music station, Norfolk, Va. 2 years. Then Community Affairs Director Norfolk Chamber of Commerce 2 years. Moved to Sleepy Hollow NY to become staff executive for U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Served for 15 years. Retired & started the New York Institute For Management Studies. (Executive Development Seminars). Retired again 15 years later. After Betty died married Martha 3 years later May 9, 1998.

Active in QCWA Chapter 181 with 2 terms as president totalling close to 20 years, Member of Chapter 46 Board, Vice President OOTC 20 years, Life Member ARRL, Radio Club of America, Antique Wireless Assn, VWOA. SOWP, GIRA. Active memberships in Unitarian Church, ROA TROA, AUSA WECA, and the local chapter of The World Future Soc Bronxville Rotary Club (On Board) round out my life when I am not serving on the Board of the United Nations Association. Locally, Association management has been my field for many years.

FOR THE DIRECTORS OF OOTC, INC.
NOMINATIONS & ENDORSEMENTS

Incumbent Morton Bardfield, W1UQ, Brookline, MA. has agreed to serve another term as Director of the 1st district. There have been no nominations received. As Director of the 1st District, Mort has sponsored 50 new members.

THE 3RD DISTRICT HAS TWO NOMINATIONS. BALLOTS WILL BE SENT TO MEMBERS RESIDING IN THE 3RD DISTRICT.

Incumbent Paul Gerbracht, W3QPP, Erie, PA. has been nominated to serve as Director of the 3rd district and has accepted the nomination. W3QPP since 1950. Joined OOTC 1990. E-mail qcw3qpp@msn.com

Duncan Kreamer, W1GAY, Phoenix, MD. Has been nominated to serve as Director of the 3rd district and has accepted the nomination. First licensed W2JMG 1936. Joined OOTC 1974.

Charles Stanton, W5LBU, Albuquerque, NM. has been nominated to serve as Director of the 5th district and has accepted the nomination. W5LBU since 1947. Joined OOTC 1995. E-mail cpstant@aol.com

Frank Piskur, K7FP, Seattle, WA., has been nominated for Director of the 7th District and has accepted the nomination. Frank was born 12/28/1916. First call W9GLU in 1938. Other calls: K5JCX, W7JCX, W3TCM, W7LLK. Joined OOTC 1997. E-mail frankk7fp@aol.com

Incumbent Gil Kowols, W9BUB, Park Ridge, IL, has been nominated Director of the 9th District and has accepted the nomination. He was born 10/13/1930. First call W9BUB in 1954. Joined OOTC 1999. E-mail gil9@attbi.com

149 LIVING 21ST CENTURY CLUB MEMBERS - The Silent Key list is on page 2.

W1ABE, W1AM, KF1B, JP1BJR, WB1ESS, W1GAY, W1GJV, DL1NP, AA1NW, KA1RFD, W1RGH, W1UBM, W1YOC, W1ZPK, W2CFY, W2DX, W2ERJ, K2GCE, K2GYX, K2JF, W2JQS, AE2L, W2MJP, W2NLJ, W2QR, DL2RVD, WA2VQV, W2WSE, K3CLG, W3DB, W3HK, VK3LC, N3NN, W3OKN, W3QBZ, W3QPP, WI3U, W3VJN, W4AET, AE4AU, K4BPJ, W4BW, W4CZ, W4FOA, K4GVG, W4HAL, K4HEB, KJ4HQ, AC4KA, W4KL, W4KOG, W4LAN, AC4ND, W4OKL, K4OV, W4PHL, W4RTE, N4SU, K4SV, N4VZD, W4YE, UA4ZA, W4ZCT, KD4ZWG, W5ARV, W5DKK, W5ETK, W5GXM, W5HX, W5JNK, W5KL, W5MD, W5OVM, W5RQH, KC5TK, KA5TUF, KT5X, W5ZUT, W6BNB, K6BPB, W6BV, K6CD, W6DDB, W6EBY, WA6FEJ, N6FIS, W6FU, W6GED, KH6GI, KH6GJC, W6HDP, K6HV, W6ISQ, W6JEP, WB6LLO, W6LUE, W6MHT, K6MO, W6NKR, W6NVN, W6RBB, K6SSD, W6TD, W6UZ, K6WNR, W6YHM, WK7A, KL7AVX, W7BAC, DL7DH, DL7DO, K7FP, W7ILW, KA7KIK, KJ7KL, W7LBK, W7LLS, KB7QG, W87R, W7UNE, W7YU, W8CK, W8HQI, KM8K, W8KGD, W8MFP, W8NCD, W8NNS, K8NUJ, W8RTN, W9BKJ, K9EAT, W9GQY, W9IZO, W9MIU, W9NQC, W9NZF, DL9PR, WB9UAD, WB9UAE, W9UEM, W9UPM, W9WUU, WA0DFF, W0Gfq, W0IZV, KE0KI, W0LDF, KD0YZ

KENTON A. JOHNSON, W6NKE, SILENT KEY

It is with great personal sorrow that I must inform you of the passing this morning (June 13) of Ken, W6NKE. Ken was a longtime Director of District 6 and President of Chapter 2 of the OOTC. His wife Beverly announced that, in accord with the wishes of Ken, that there will be no services and that he will be cremated.

Respectfully,
Troy L. WIDEMAN, JR., W6HV
OOTC District 6, Director

A TRIBUTE TO KEN, W6NKE - SUBMITTED BY DUNCAN W1GAY

It isn't gold that you win or the fame,
but the goodness and honor men find in your name...
It isn't the path that you travel or ride,
But the kindness you give to the one at your side...
It isn't the greatness you finally achieve,
But the goodness that's left, at the last, when you leave.

--Jessie Cannon Eldridge

REMINISCENCES OF AN OLD SPARKY

By: James C. Kellow (SK) W4ZJ, #122 (c. 1960)
Contributed by his son, Robert S. Kellow, W5LT, #3987

If you've heard the crash of the spark gap,
The whine of the rotary;
The squeak of the gap called "Quenched"
When run at high frequency. (500 cycles)

They'll know you are an old timer,
A ham when wireless was young;
Of decrement when you were speaking,
And tubes were built with two lungs.

Those were the days you were called Sparky,
And heard the talk of Iron Men
Who sailed the ships, four-masted;
You'd see one now and then.

Now all are gone from the sea,
The ships that were made of wood;
And gathered 'round the table, Old Timers
Talk of times that were good.

When prunes were served for breakfast
 And the eggs might be somewhat stale;
 You had prunes for dessert at luncheon,
 At dinner they appeared without fail.

These were the eats on a freighter
 That tramped o'er the water blue;
 And ninety pounds was the pressure
 that pushed and turned the old screw.

Two OPS they had on the liners,
 And the watches were always wrong;
 It wasn't so bad in the day time
 But the nights were ever so long.

You had plenty of stuff called Java
 To help to keep you awake
 'Cause the tricks were long in the nighttime,
 And a nap you were longing to take.

T'was good when the sun came peeking,
 And the sky was a-glowing with light;
 T'was time to call your partner
 While you turned day into night.

Now when your ship was tied up at Cristobal,
 Then a fishing trip to Gatun;
 Where the tarpon would jump up a-flashing
 When hooked on your old silver spoon.

You might wander down to old Queenie's
 A little cerveza to taste;
 And if you lingered long in the alley,
 There were other things to be chased.

You'd long for a ship with some ladies
 To help while away the time;
 You'd hope for a call from the office
 For a ship on a passenger line.

When Hughes-ie called you'd come running*
 For the forty-per-month, no more;
 With hopes of having passage
 To a port n'er seen before.

* Marconi Men substitute: Pannell
 (Hughes was United Wireless)

And when a fist you'd developed
And most of the OPS knew your style;
Then perhaps, if you're lucky;
You'd get an assignment worth while.

For a time your stuff you'd be strutt'n
And making eyes at the girls;
But forty-a-month s'not condusive,
And there's lots to see in the world.

The skipper would talk of some farm-land
Where apples and peaches did grow;
And he'd swear that that was good living
Where never a foul wind did blow.

The steward, he dreamed of ranching,
Prize chickens he's going to raise,
And he'd talk and think of that valley
Where he'd live the rest of his days.

The chief of the engine-room noisy;
Of shore life he always did dream.
Where there were lots of turkeys and chickens
And the cows gave nothing but cream.

They'd always swear they were leaving
For the places of which they did care
But on sailing day they were ready
And all were sure to be there.

You'd sit in your shack in the tropics
And swear and cuss at the heat;
And try some news to wrangle
From any ship you might happen to meet.

The nights were filled with static,
And no efforts a signal would bring;
WST might come in like thunder,
And then go out on a swing.

Snatches of news you were catching,
But enough to make up a book
That had to be out in the morning,
By the "Jelly Roll" you never did cook.

Your fingers were blue from the carbon,
While over the mill you slaved;
But the book was out in the morning,
And the "Wireless News" was saved.

PR7CPK #3861

EDMILSON R. DO Ó "ED"

Ex: PY7CPK, PY7CPK/W3, PY7CPK/KH6

Silver Jubilee! Active DXer in 14.200 MHz since 1972
Devoted thru Amateur Radio since 1955



Born July 6, 1937, Pocinhos, PB, Brazil. Married since 1957 with Nazareth. 7 sons. Radio Operator in Brazilian Army 1956 and 1957. PY7CPK 1974. Reciprocal amateur operations PR7CPK/W3 1976-78 in Maryland and PR7CPK/KH6 1978-82 in Honolulu HI. Member ARRL since 1977, AMSAT LM-543 since 1974. AMSAT Area Coordinator for Brazil since 1975. First Brazilian station to work Oceania via satellite. Nostalgic and historic contact between PR7CPK, Brazil, and HK6IJ (SK) Hawaii via AO-7, 1976. I have DXCC, WAS, WAZ, WAC, IOTA and more. Currently member ARRL, LABRE, NCDXF, INDEXA, H.I.DX.A and many other organizations.

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The old location has a link to the new URL.

BOB BAIRD, 8BTI/U8CWR/W9NN, #462. SK 8/1/2002

ALBERT KAHN, 9BBI/K4FW, #813

by W5JNK, Editor, Spark Gap Times

This article was set for publication before the death of Bob Baird. Bob joined OOTC January 1, 1964 and Charter member, #52, of QCWA. Bob was 96 on February 18

Albert Kahn (9BBI/K4FW) joined OOTC February 2, 1967. Al was 96 July 9.

In a previous issue of SGT, original QSL cards exchanged between U8CWR and 9BBI in 1923 were printed along with QSL's 77 years later. The calls now W9NN and K4FW. It has now been 79 years. How's that for a lasting ham friendship!

Bob sent this clipping:

Their Calling Cards Were Exhausting

When I got my 1927 Ford roadster in 1929, It would run about 2 miles, then stop. So I decided to give it a fitting name. See photo.

Just below my "in" Knickers and matching socks is a piece of flexible aluminum pipe coming from the tailpipe. All the boys in Dayton, OH had these on their cars, each a different length to give a different sound. That way, the girls could tell when their boyfriends were in the neighborhood. Such was the life for the young, back in Dayton in the '20s.

Robert Baird, Plover, Wisconsin



Bob attended the Second National ARRL convention held in Chicago IL September 12-15, 1923 and sent a copy of the program. One of over 70 signatures on the program was Irving Vermilya, 1ZE, OOTC founding member number 2. Irving's first "sign" was "VN" in 1901.

In late 1919, when Bob was 13, he and a friend each took a doorbell buzzer, attached a wire, threw it out the window and had a "bootleg" QSO. His mother told him that was wrong.

JOHN J. WARINSKY, K9NJ, #4099

Born November 14, 1944 Weehawken, NJ. WV2VUY 1961. Other calls WA2VUY, WB9INO, KD9NO. K9nj@arrl.net

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Born December 9, 1941 Redding, CA. Spouse Diane 2 children. KN6SXX 1956. Army 1961-81 CSM.

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Born July 26, 1943 Athens, TX. tbrewer@flash.net KN5MET 1957.

HUGH L. "LEE" CHEEVER
W5IG, #4104

Born May 1, 1940
Cedar City, UT. Spouse Ann WB5NAX. WN7VZP 1953. USAF 1962-1973 Captain. Commercial Pilot, ex-AF fighter pilot. I work most bands SSB, CW, RTTY and looking into other modes. I have degrees in physics, radio and TV production and sound. Have worked as sound



engineer in the motion picture field, disk jockey, played in several bands, play several instruments (some even well). Have 3 boys and one cat. I love cars, jeeps, boats, cycles, kids, cats and dogs. Well this is a good long brag tape so I hope to run into some of you on the air soon. 73, Lee W5Inspector General. MENSA. W5ig@swbell.net

**JAMES R. "JIM" ROUNDING
W1LZS, #4105**

Born March 15, 1923 Boston MA. Spouse Evelyn 6 children. W1LZS since 1938. USN 1940-45. RM1/C & RT1/C.

Taken me a long time to join OOTC. Stan Brigham, W3TFA is why I was on board the USS Phoenix at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7 1941. In August 1940 I went to a USNR meeting at the Boston Navy Yard just to see what is going on. I was too young to join. I dressed up in my suit with my call letters on my suit lapel. A commander noticed the call letters, asked if I would like to join the Navy Reserve. He gave me some papers for my dad to sign and the next thing I was in the Naval Reserve. Thank you, Stan. We lost touch with each other, but this last year, Dec. 2001, it has been enjoyable meeting him again and living up the old times.



Previously I have had a radio station at work in Boston in the late 40's, I was trustee for W1PUN, for all the hams at work to use. I also had a call for the Naval Reserve, N1RCO. After moving to New Mexico I was fortunate to get my old call. jrrounding@aol.com

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Born October 28, 1927 Baltimore, MD. Spouse Hazel 2 children. USN 1945-51 ET-1C. CN8EI Naval Air Station #219 1951.

WALTER E. "WALT" FISCUS, JR., WA4JCS, #4108

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JOHN H. "JACK" HOTCHKISS, W7CNL, #4109

Born April 15, 1938 Colville, WA. Spouse Carolyn 3 Children. WN7CNL in high school 1956. Having an interest in working for the railroad, I attended the Spokane Telegraph School in 1958 and hired on with Western Union as a telegrapher when my school money ran out. For years Morse was both a hobby and a livelihood. I would work american morse during the week then international morse on the weekends with amateur radio.

I've just always had this love affair with morse, starting in 1953 when as an SWL I self learned morse as I listened on the CW ham bands.

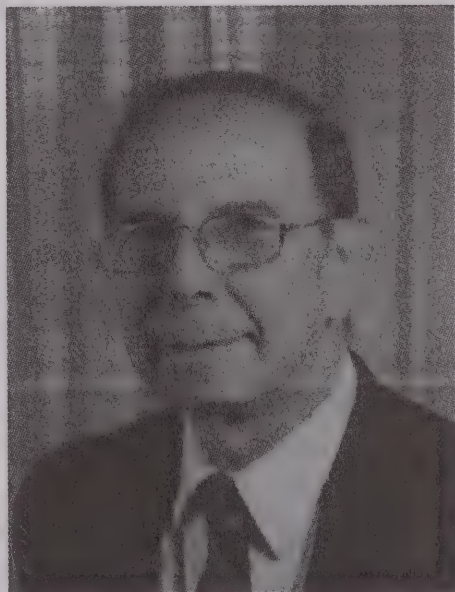
In 1964 I married Carolyn and for the next three years we traveled the northwest with WU living out of motels and providing vacation relief for wire chiefs in various cities.

Finally in 1967 we settled down in Boise and grew some roots which included getting on the air again. Other than five years in the Portland office we have remained in Boise and after thirty one years with WU and ten years with the Idaho State Police, I retired at age 64.

For the past six years my primary interests have been chasing DX on QRP CW. One of my great passions is collecting old QSL cards, especially 1920's with the goal of finding a few spark era cards. I've also been known to frequent garage sales and flea markets. Spend time in the garden and I enjoy my three children and their families. W7cnl@aol.com

DAVID P. "DAVE" KOCH, W8OV, #4110

Born November 24, 1940 Cleveland OH. Spouse Louise 3 children. First QSO as WN8HCV with WN8FCV 11/12/1955 while in the 10th grade. In 1965 I began teaching high school physics interrupted only by graduate work on M.A. & Ph.D. One year, two students asked me if I would like to have them demonstrate a 2 meter contact. Thanks to them I became re-interested in amateur radio. I was President of QCWA Chapter 21, but resigned to move to Plano TX in 1987. Eventually I got amateur radio going in my classes at Hockaday School. In a couple of years 40 girls were licensed with the help of Bill Revis, KF5BL.(#3236). Now Science Department Chairman at Ursuline Academy. This fall I will be a candidate for the Texas House of Representatives in District 66 (most of Plano).

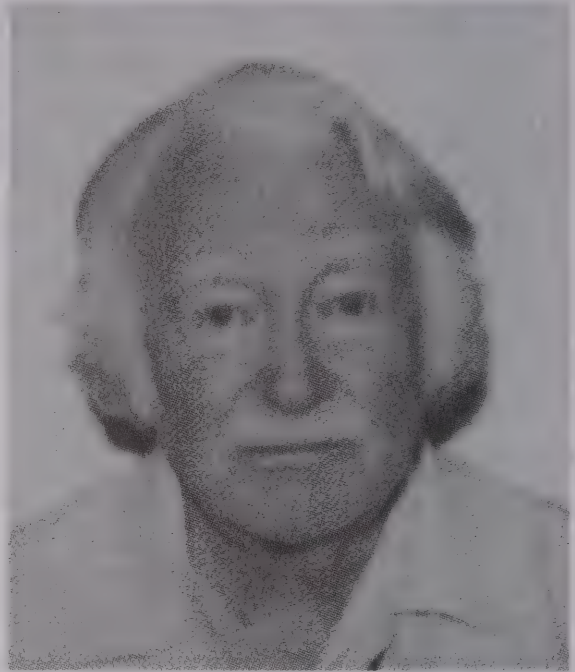


LAURENCE B. "BUD" PEIRCE, W4KIX, #4111

Born May 29, 1911 Pensacola, FL. Spouse Ella died 1992, 3 children. USNR 1932-1936 Radioman 1/C. W8AKZ 1930-36, W3GME 1936-46. Learned morse code as Boy Scout for wig-wagging. Had first QSO at friends (W8TI), decided ham radio was for me. Became W8AKZ in Elkins WV.

First rig: 201-A Hartley. Best DX Florida (900 miles). Wanted to be a sea-going "Sparks", went to Baltimore to seek ship, but in the depth of the "Great Depression", found none. Became land surveyor for U.S. Forest Service. Married college physics-lab partner - end of

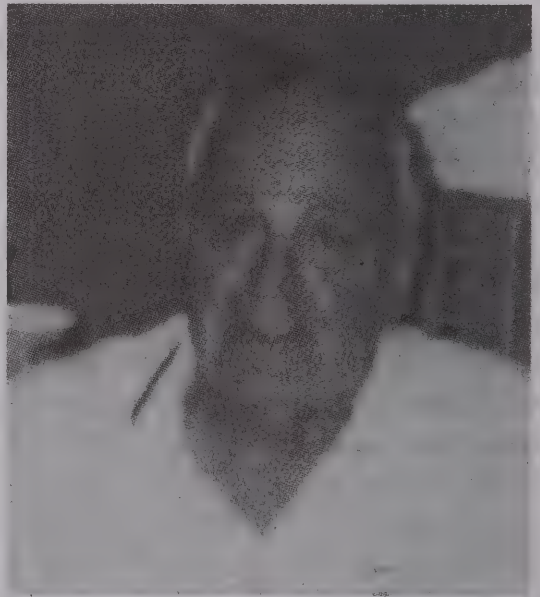
Marine operator ambitions. Moved to Maryland, new job, became W3GME. Another move to Alabama and became W4KIX. Appointed RM for Alabama, served as Manager of Section CW net until 1961. Retired USGS after 32 years service. Still above ground, age 91, and active in Florida CW traffic net, QFN, and RN5, the 5th region net of ARRL national traffic system.



AMELIO D. "MEL" FRAGASSI, K9AE, #4112

Born August 27, 1923. Winnetka, IL. Spouse Cecilia 6 children. W9IEF-1938. Joined USN as RM3/C 1942-45. Lead Tech on light cruiser USS Phoenix (CL46) 3 years.

After discharge worked for EH Scott Radio Labs and then started Fragassi TV & appliances. Avid ham and still very active, mostly 20 meters, Intercom Net and Maritime Mobile net. Spend 6 months at home in Bhamas as C6AMF, at Stella Maris, Long Island. 6 months Deerfield IL. Built and operated Experimental KMEL-TV for 4 years on Long Island until hurricane knocked antenna down.



Active with Ship Reunions, yearly. Welcome comments to fraggi@aol.com

ALDRICH F. "AL" RATAY, K2DNF, #4113

Born May 18, 1918 Cleveland, OH. Widower. W8HST-1951 1940-43 U.S. Army Engineers and Army Transportation Corp. 1943-46 Warrant Officer (JG) U.S. Army Military Railway Service (combat) in England and France. Received a diploma from The Republic of France for recognition of service in Normandy.

1949-1978(Retired): Analytical Chemist for Food and Drug Administration.

BERJ NARBAY ENSANIAN, KI3U, #4114

Born March 21, 1948 Lansdale, PA. KN7NKV-1960, K7NKV, K3QAO, WB2NRR, WA1SNP.

My first awareness of radio, from around age 3 on, was at my mother's family house in Germany. In the evenings we would gather around a big 30's era wooden cabinet table model radio, with a big backlit slide-rule dial, and listen to international shortwave broadcasts. It made me realize there was a big world out there.

At age eight I saw a picture of a young boy "radioman" operating a breadboard crystal radio with a spider-web coil, connected to a longwire antenna. Signals were drawn in to indicate they were coming in across mountain ranges and oceans. Radio started to become an obsession for me.

In 1958, at age 10, my family moved to the West Coast. I set up a bare table in my new bedroom as a radio workbench. On it I placed a cabinet-less "All American-Five" AM radio that my uncle had repaired and given to me. An unbreakable circuit had been closed.

I started a experiment notebook covering all my big interests. It became dominated by radio-electronics. It testified that I was able to copy 5 wpm. Among my notes was: "In an oscillator circuit condenser A is needed so grid B will not explode."

I experimented with coins, razor blades, safety pins as detectors. I made my own headphone by mounting a little elecromagnet inside a shoe polish can. I drifted off to sleep listening to my crystal radios.

I obtained many parts from radio shop trash cans, burned my hands learning how to solder, saw my projects burn up on first power-up. At age 11 I finally obtained a 117N7 and built a one tube AC powered radio. I saved hard to buy transistors only to burn them out.

A gift of the 1949 Radio Amateurs Handbook left me

wide-eyed and speechless. I resolved I would not leave this earth before owning a pair of 250THs. No more mystery about "grid-bias." With the help of my "Elmer" K7DCL, I received my Novice license. I had learned a most useful language and it was just a matter of polishing it. At age 12 I was on the air from my parent's garage in Bellevue, WA with a homebrew rig. It was neat to be on a first-name basis with so many adults. Visiting a really powerful homebrew shack, the Chief Op introduced me to mercury-vapor rectifiers. It was like the high priest taking the initiate to the holy fire.

At a 1962 radio club meeting in Pennsylvania I witnessed a lightning bolt strike the club's antenna which reached the operating table. The operator went flying backwards. He was unhurt and immediately started taking apart the Hammarlund boatanchor which was on the air again well before the next club meeting. Later I received the shock of my life from big filter capacitors which levitated me across the room and against the wall to the ceiling!

One spring day in 1979 I made contact with George, W1AE. When I found out that George had first keyed spark in 1908, I had to have his QSL card. It remains my most precious QSL. To this day making contact with old timers gives me the feeling of contact with the earlier days of wireless with its own, special, exciting pioneering flavor.

From George I first learned about the existence of the Old Old Timers Club. It would be a little while before I discovered just who George Sterling was. It was much longer before I could apply for membership in OOTC.

My last "Elmer", Skeet, W2WU (Romaine Watrous) graduated me as a radioman. He set high goals, then poured confidence into my abilities. I set my goal of getting advanced, extra and commercial licenses, including radar endorsement by my birthday the next year. In March 1982 I did just that at the new FCC office in Buffalo.

During the 80's I had one of my most interesting CW contacts. We were gunning along at a pretty good clip and the QSO got more into our personal details. He let on that he was completely deaf. I expected him to say that his computer was easily copying my good fist. Nope! He had his fingertips on his receiver's speaker cone.

I am privileged and honored to have as my sponsor for OOTC membership: Harry D. Azadian / W10D0. (#3785)

-Editor- I have greatly edited Berj's "Highlights" from its original 11 pages. Find it on <http://www.ootc.us> or request a copy by U.S. mail. -Bert-

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1927

Back then my name was Elmer Lansing Smith. Later on my
name was officially changed to Jaime E. Smith. In 1938 I was
in Belize, British Honduras and my call was VP1BA when a
hurricane hit. The final toll reached 3000. The following is
a quote from a newspaper of the time.

"Miami Fla., Sept. 12

(AP) The mystery man of Belize, who poured radio calls for
help to the outside world over a sending set whose power was
hand-generated, tonight revealed himself as Elmer Smith,
formerly of Montclair, N.J. as he tapped out over the ether
his estimate that 1000 persons had lost their lives in the
hurricane that almost devastated Belize."

JOSEPH H. "JOE" CUTCHIN JR., W3ETT, #4119

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- More new members will be in January 2003 issue. -

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTION

A majority vote of the Directors has appointed Charles P. "Chuck" Stanton, W5LBU, as the interim Director of the 5th District due to the death of Jack Floyd, W5DXR.

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01-Oct W5LVM	14-Oct W8EGI	30-Oct W3CL W0JS	13-Nov W6BPA	24-Nov W2CVF W2VWK K6PO	06-Dec W1MGP W2XB W5XW NF6P DL7DH K0DEQ	20-Dec W85STU WA6TFR K6WNR K9KXP WOKA
02-Oct K4FF W6JEP	15-Oct W2HGN W6MFC	31-Oct W6TD	14-Nov W4ER W4OKL WD5IOK	25-Nov W9NQC W0ZS	07-Dec NI8Z	21-Dec W82IMO
03-Oct KF1B W8WQJ W9GXR	17-Oct W5LT W6YN	01-Nov W2BCH W3ABC N4OZN W6PSQ	15-Nov WW7P K9NJ W0ZS	26-Nov KA5TUF W0ZS	08-Dec NI8Z	22-Dec W1DL W1RGX W1TRC DL1ZC WJ2A W2BCH K2BLA K2EFA W82IMO N2JAV AE2L
05-Oct K1GUP W1JUI K5YJM W6FMK	18-Oct W2SLW W7LVN	02-Nov W10JB W8RC	16-Nov W4HPG K8HSF	27-Nov W1GEE W9BKJ	10-Dec AF2S W7TG	23-Dec W1LMS W6HDP
06-Oct K4AZU W5JYK W5MD	21-Oct W9IZO	05-Nov W1LLU W3DNF W4HEQ W0UGP	17-Nov W5XE	29-Nov W2JJM W3AZD W6FA	11-Dec KE4BIN W5VIV	25-Dec K4CLA W0VZK
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DUES PAID FOR LIFE:

W1GAY	W2JQS	W3LIR	W6CK	W6QLO	W8CWY
W1LMS	KC2PS	W4LAN	W6DIS	K6QS	W8KF
K1POM	K3AU	NA4X	W6GED	W6USY	W8SK
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DUES PAID INTO THE YEAR 2004

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W1DOK	W2LPA	W4AGI	W5END	W6JXD	K8JRE
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KD2IN	KZ3F	W5LVM	K6WNR	W8AUV	
NJ2J	W4AET	W6FU	K6ZE	HB9CHE	
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KA2UJP	W4CZ	K6KSG	W7ITG	W9MUJ	

DUES PAID INTO THE YEAR 2006					W8TP
KF1B	W2ST	W4VS	W5ZMI	WA6KGK	W9IL
K1FP	N3EA	W5JNS	W6AQ	W6QM	W9NQC
W1RGH	W3YOZ	K8SPWT	AB6CF	W6SQZ	K0HQW
W1ZPK	W4MQB	W5YI	W6EEN	W8IM	W0VZK

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W1LZS	W3YMB	KF5BL	N5YJ	KJ6WM	W80LBL
DL1NP	AE4AU	W5DKK	W6HV	W7EM	
W2AGN	W4OK	AB5LF	K6LRN	W7OP	
K2GG	W4YE	W5XW	N6TK	W9ET	

DUES PAID INTO THE YEAR :

2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
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K1IBR	W4KE	W8KP	K4FF	
AF2S	W5KL		W6EBY	
W4NKE	K6VW		KA7KIK	
W5HX	WA7PVC			
K6LLD				

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 DFW CH13 Wed, 0900 local 7198 kHz W5JNK NCS
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 So. Cal: Tues, 1630 local 3917kHz W6HV NCS
 CH82 E. TN & S.W. VA: Sun, 9:00PM E. (145.110down)
 National CW: Friday, 1700 UTC on 14050 kHz

Name	Last Call		
Birthdate	First Call	When SK	Reported by:
William F. Werenski	W1CJK #2258	SK:Date missing	
Born:08/20/1915	W1CJK-1931		OST April 2002 P.91
Waldo H. Clark	W1JCI #3972	SK:05/19/2002	
Born:09/02/1915	W1JCI-1935		Brother, Warren Clark
Herman R. Sanborn	W1LC #3355	SK:Date missing	
Born:09/19/1908	1LC-1925		OST June 2002 P.83
George J. Apfel	W2GHV #3279	SK:Date missing	
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Steve M. Fried	K2PTS #3862	SK:Date missing	
Born:09/28/1943	KN2PTS-1955		OST June 2002 P.83
Edward G. Bowley	W2VLH #3126	SK: / /2002	
Born:06/06/1918	W2VLH-1947		QCWA Journal Summer 2002 P.54
William Behrends	K3CRC #3709	SK:12/14/2001	
Born:09/16/1927	KN3CRC-1957		Estate Executor Pat Croll
Ray Jepson	VK3JI #3136	SK:07/05/2002	
Born:10/12/1911	VK3JI-1936		Son, Neil Jepson
Slaughter B. Reed	W4DXB #1886	SK:11/07/2001	
Born:12/14/1907	5XR-1928	VWOA Summer Newsltr	Confmd son George
Andre J. Paquet	ON4GU #1801	SK:12/05/2000	
Born:09/09/1913	ON4GU-1929		Heinrich Mueller, DL3OY
Jasper W. Hogan	N4ITM #2475	SK:Date missing	
Born:05/16/1921	Military-1937, KA4ZXA-1982		OST April 2002 P.91
John P. Kingman	W4JT #1415	SK:12/16/2001	
Born:05/10/1906	2CSQ-1922		Mrs. B. M. Kingman
Frank M. Kratokvil	K4RE #0925	SK:Date missing	
Born:02/22/1907	9BG-1924		OST June 2002 P.83
Henry J. Herot	AA4XT #2829	SK:Date missing	
Born:01/27/1919	Military 1941, WA4ZLP-1965		OST May 2002 P.102
Jack Floyd	W5DXR #3211	SK:08/22/2002	
Born:10/15/1916	W5DXR-1936		Barney Moffatt, W5CJZ
Perry V. Westrope	W6LLB #3739	SK:Date missing	
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Kenton A. Johnson	W6NKE #2667	SK:06/13/2002	
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David L. Hough	W7GK #3863	SK:Date missing	
Born:03/04/1935	WN0VMO-1959		Lost Source
Evert B. Skough	N7HID #3004	SK:01/13/2002	
Born:02/02/1921	SM7VB-1941		Family member returned notice
Harold R. Crockett	W7PJV #3076	SK:04/01/2002	
Born:08/01/1915	WN7PJV-1951		Son-in-law, Don Marchbanks
George J. Wood	K8GHX #3776	SK:Date missing	
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Charles E. Spencer	W8PQO #4041	SK:07/19/2002	
Born:03/14/1919	W9POD-1934		N6SL & W5KL
David C. Craycraft	W8TWB #3075	SK:Date missing	
Born:06/23/1926	WN8TWB-1953		OST June 2002 P.83
Walter Buch	DL9KA #3164	SK:01/16/2002	
Born:03/13/1925	DL9KA-1951		DJ2XB, Guenter Pesch, Eur. Chair.
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red border. Send this order
blank or a copy of it with
check or money order to:
OOTC
3191 DARVANY DR.
DALLAS TX 75220-1611



W5JNK

MEMBER # 2951

Milbert "Bert" Wells
DALLAS, TEXAS

YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER WILL APPEAR BELOW YOUR CALL

CIRCLE THE ONE YOU ARE ORDERING

CHOOSE ONE:

WHITE WITH BLACK LETTERING

WHITE WITH RED LETTERING

(WHITE WITH BLACK LETTERING WILL BE SENT UNLESS YOU CHOOSE)

CHOOSE ONE:

BADGE WITH LOCKING SAFETY PIN BACK - \$7.00

BADGE WITH PLASTIC POCKET CLIP ----- \$9.00

BADGE WITH BOLO CLIP AND TIE----- \$9.50

(BLACK TIE WILL BE SENT UNLESS YOU CIRCLE COLOR BELOW)

TIE COLOR -

BLACK

RED

BLUE

BROWN

Print your call letters:

Print how you want the NAME line to appear:

Print your CITY & STATE (or you may have other info such as "50 YEARS")

OLD OLD TIMERS CLUB



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PH: 214-352-4743

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

ALSO AVAILABLE ON INTERNET

http://www.ootc.us

(PLEASE PRINT ALL ITEMS CLEARLY)

Name _____ Call _____ Class _____

Address _____
Number & Street City State/Province Code Country(if not U.S.)

Year of 1st 2-way wireless contact _____ Nickname/Handle _____ PHONE# _____

My first 2-way wireless contact was by: Amateur Radio () Commercial () Military ()

Describe Commercial or Military _____

Amateur Call First Used _____ Year of First amateur License _____ E-Mail address _____

Date of Birth _____ Birthplace _____
Month Day Year

SCHEDULE OF MEMBERSHIP FEES

OOTC New member one-time Enrollment Fee, includes pin	\$5.00
OOTC Annual Dues (All members) _____	\$10.00 *
FIRST YEAR ENROLLMENT, ALL MEMBERS	\$15.00

FAMILY DUES RATE, AFTER THE 1ST YEAR, FIRST MEMBER \$10, ADDITIONAL \$5 EACH.

(Family rate members receive one copy of all club publications)

* Annual dues may be paid for any number of years. All funds payable at a U.S. Bank

INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS ONLY: Please remit with (1) American Express money order, or
(2) Check drawn on a U.S. Bank, if a branch of a U.S. bank accessible, or (3) other bank
check must add \$20 collection fee which is charged by our bank, or (4) U.S. Currency.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

One must have had two-way wireless communication at least 40 years previous to filing an OOTC membership application. OOTC recognizes your first two-way communication whether through amateur, commercial or military operation. Where possible please provide proof of such operation. Full membership in OOTC requires that you have a valid amateur station or operator license at the time of application.

OOTC wishes to have extended information about each member, his/her activities and background. Such information becomes a permanent and important part of your record as a member of OOTC, making it possible for us to write of your life work and experiences. We would appreciate a photograph, B&W or color. Send a biography and/or any story for possible publication in Spark Gap Times.

Include separate sheet of paper, if required.

First name of spouse _____ Number of children _____ Spouse's call? _____

Military Branch(s) _____ service from _____ to _____, Rank _____

Unless noted, your signature is permission to publish your information in Spark Gap Times.

I heard about OOTC from _____

Your Signature _____

Sponsors name, if you have one _____, Sponsor's Call _____
(Secretary will sponsor if you have no sponsor)